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KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DISTRIBUTING CRACK COCAINE

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to distributing crack cocaine.

Charmin Patton, 47, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning.

Patton admitted that she sold 28.07 grams of crack cocaine for \$800 at 5401 E. 27th Terr., in Kansas City, on March 30, 2004.

Patton was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 22, 2004, in Kansas City.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Patton** is subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew P. Wolesky. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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